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Airborne Warning and Control System
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been delay in completion of Indigenous Airborne Warning and Control System (AWACS) India Project and Airborne Early Warning and Control System (AEW&C) (Mini-AWACS);

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor; and

(c) the time by which new indigenous AWACS and AEW&C are likely to made available to the Indian armed forces?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (DR. SUBHASH BHAMRE)
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
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(a) & (b): There has been no delay in AWACS(I) Project as the current mandate of the Project was to finalise on the contract of the aircraft through a global tendering process, which has been completed.

There has been delay in AWE&C Programme due to various reasons some of which are, finalization of Operational Requirements, delay in delivery of certified aircraft, incompletion of flight evaluation of the integrated systems due to reasons of modification on aircraft by Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM), major maintenance and system complexities, etc.

(c) The first AEW&C is likely to be inducted in Dec 2016 and indigenous AWACS (I) System is likely to be available from 2024.
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